

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant and its attorneys would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during two telephone conferences relative to the present case.

In an Office Action mailed July 10, 2007, the Office subjected claims 1-15 in the present application, the pending claims, to a restriction requirement. In a telephone conference on August 7, 2007, the Examiner confirmed that the restriction requirement was relative only to claim 6 in the present application. The Examiner also confirmed that the subject matter of claim 6 is not a limitation of any other claim in the application. Finally, the Examiner confirmed that if claim 6 (the claim subject to restriction and election of species) was cancelled or withdrawn, then the restriction requirement would be moot.

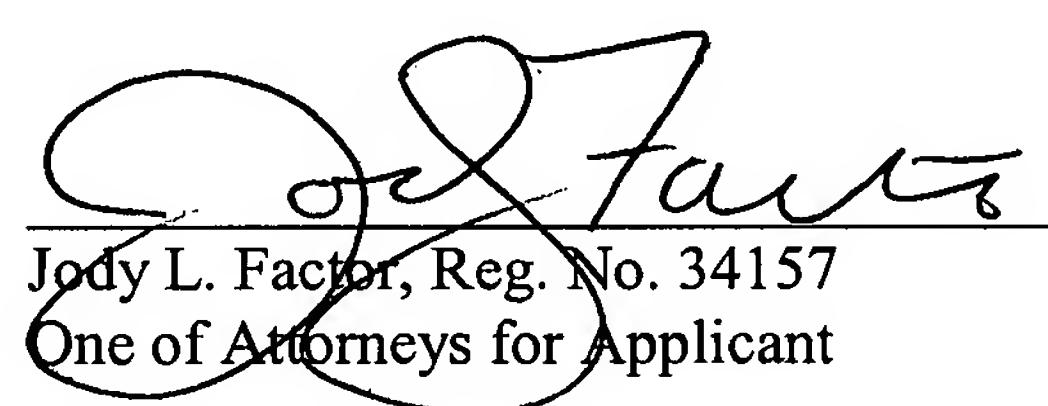
In an effort to expedite prosecution, and not as a disclaimer or surrender of subject matter, the Applicant has cancelled claim 6. The Applicant expressly reserves the right to add the subject matter of claim 6 at a later date, and to traverse the restriction requirement should it be necessary.

In addition, by the above amendment to the specification, the Applicant has corrected the typographical error related to the R₄ group of the amino acid.

Respectfully submitted,

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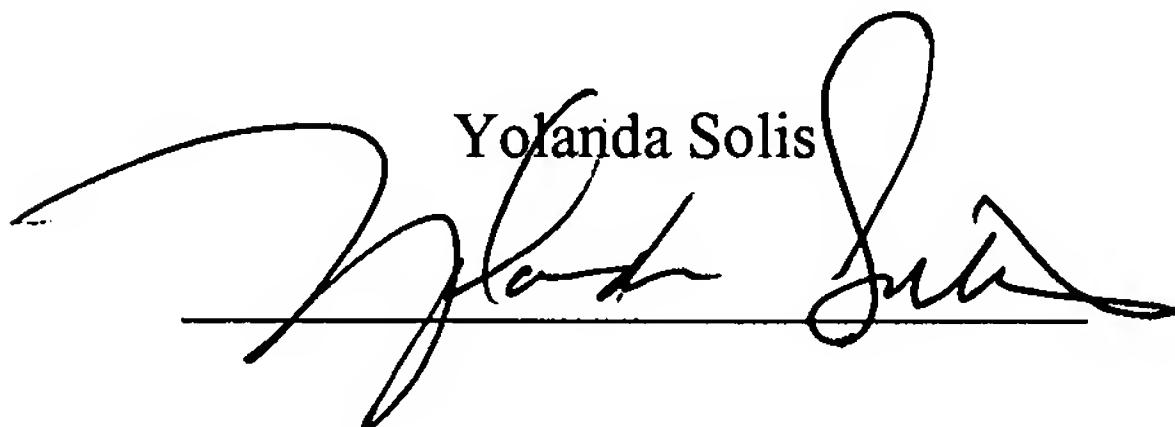
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